

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A bathroom accessory mounting assembly comprising:

a mounting bracket which includes an axially extending body portion; and

~~a fastener that secures said mounting bracket to a point of mounting; and~~

an accessory post that mounts on said axially extending body portion;

wherein said mounting bracket includes a snap flange located on said axially extending body portion, said snap flange including a camming surface that engages an inner surface of said accessory post to flex said snap flange; ~~and~~

wherein said accessory post includes a recess extending therethrough for receiving a portion of said snap flange when said accessory post is properly positioned on said mounting bracket, ~~and the receipt of said portion of said snap flange in said recess~~ allowing ~~allows~~ said snap flange to unflex, ~~and thereby~~ facilitating secure attachment of said accessory post to said mounting bracket; and

wherein, to release secure attachment of said accessory post to said mounting bracket, said snap flange can be engaged from the exterior of said accessory post to flex said portion of said snap flange out of said recess.

2. (original) The bathroom accessory mounting assembly of claim 1 further comprising a flange that mounts on said axially extending body portion of said mounting bracket.

3. (original) The bathroom accessory mounting assembly of claim 2, wherein said mounting bracket further comprises a retaining flange located along a periphery of said body portion for securing said flange to said mounting bracket.

4. (original) The bathroom accessory mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said mounting bracket further comprises one or more ribs located on said axially extending body portion.

5. (original) The bathroom accessory mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said snap flange includes a main portion that is integral to said body portion, said main portion formed in a cutout region of said body portion such as to provide a u-shaped cutout in said body portion.

6. (cancelled)

7. (original) The bathroom accessory mounting assembly of claim 1, wherein said accessory post includes a generally toroidal portion defined by an inner diameter and an outer diameter and a thickness therebetween, wherein said axially extending body portion is generally toroidal and is defined by an inner diameter and an outer diameter and a thickness therebetween; wherein said inner diameter of said accessory post is slightly larger than the outer diameter of said axially extending body portion of said mounting bracket to form a friction fit between the accessory post and the mounting bracket.

8. (currently amended) A bathroom accessory mounting assembly comprising:

a mounting bracket which includes a generally toroidal body portion that extends axially away from a base portion, said toroidal body portion being is defined by an inner diameter and an outer diameter and a thickness therebetween;

a snap flange located on said axially extending body portion; and

~~a fastener that secures said mounting bracket to a point of mounting; and~~

an accessory post that mounts on said axially extending body portion, said accessory post including a toroidal section defined by an inner diameter and an outer diameter and a thickness therebetween;

wherein said inner diameter of said accessory post is slightly larger than the outer diameter of said axially extending body portion of said mounting bracket to form a friction fit between said the accessory post and said the mounting bracket;

wherein a recess is formed through said accessory post for receiving said snap flange to facilitate attachment of said accessory post and said mounting bracket; and

wherein said snap flange is engageable from the exterior of said accessory post to facilitate release of said accessory post from said mounting bracket.

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) The bathroom accessory mounting assembly of claim 8 ~~10~~, wherein said snap flange includes a camming surface that cooperates with a surface of said accessory post defined by said inner diameter of said toroidal section to flex said snap flange radially inward.

12. (original) The bathroom accessory mounting assembly of claim 11, wherein said snap flange includes a main portion that is integral to said body portion, said main portion formed in a cutout region of said body portion such as to provide a u-shaped cutout in said body portion.

13. (original) The bathroom accessory mounting assembly of claim 8 further comprising a flange that mounts on said axially extending body portion of said mounting bracket.

14. (original) The bathroom accessory mounting assembly of claim 13, wherein said mounting bracket further comprises a retaining flange located along a periphery of said body portion for securing said flange to said mounting bracket.

15. (original) The bathroom accessory mounting assembly of claim 8, wherein said mounting bracket further comprises one or more ribs located on said axially extending body portion.

16. (cancelled)

17. (currently amended) A bathroom accessory comprising:

a mounting subassembly;

a post; and

a functional member connected to said post;

wherein said mounting subassembly comprises ~~a fastener, a mounting bracket and flange;~~

and

wherein said post is connected to said mounting subassembly by alignment of said post with said mounting subassembly and movement of said post along said mounting subassembly

solely in an axial direction until a portion of a snap flange located on said mounting bracket snaps into a recess formed through in said post, said snap flange being engageable from the exterior of said post to release the connection of said post to said mounting bracket.

18. (original) The bathroom accessory of claim 17 wherein said functional member is a towel bar, a towel ring or a paper holder.

19. (original) The bathroom accessory of claim 17, wherein said post includes a generally toroidal portion defined by an inner diameter and an outer diameter and a thickness therebetween, and said mounting bracket includes an axially extending body portion which is generally toroidal and is defined by an inner diameter and an outer diameter and a thickness therebetween; wherein said inner diameter of said post is slightly larger than the outer diameter of said axially extending body portion of said mounting bracket to form a friction fit between the post and the mounting bracket.

20. (original) The bathroom accessory of claim 19, wherein said mounting bracket further comprises one or more ribs located on said axially extending body portion.

21. (currently amended) An accessory system comprising:

a mounting subassembly including ~~a securing member and~~ a mounting bracket; and
an accessory, wherein an inner surface of said accessory is friction fit with an outer surface of said mounting bracket such that no play exists between said accessory and said mounting bracket.

22. (cancelled)

23. (cancelled)

24. (cancelled)

25. (cancelled)

26. (cancelled)

27. (new) The accessory system according to claim 21, further comprising at least one rib provided along said outer surface of said mounting bracket.

28. (new) The accessory system according to claim 27, wherein said at least one rib contacts said inner surface of said accessory to provide said friction fit.

29. (new) The accessory system according to claim 21, wherein the diameter of said inner surface of said accessory is slightly larger than the diameter of said outer surface of said mounting bracket to form said friction fit between said accessory and said mounting bracket.